

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2000
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
1:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Kathy Campbell, Chair
Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Linda Steinman
Bob Workman

Others Present: Norm Agena, County Assessor
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Clerk

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, February 1, 2000. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)**

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization dated February 1, 2000. Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 448 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit "A".

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval. Heier, Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **APPROVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Calvary Cemetery
Cathedral of the Risen Christ
Family Service
Nebraska Wesleyan University
St. Patrick's Church of Havelock**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for Calvary Cemetery, Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Family Service, Nebraska Wesleyan University and St. Patrick's Church of Havelock. Steinman, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR NOTICES OF VALUATION CHANGE:**

Setting of public hearings for Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building for notices of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for the following:

**Open Bible Standard Churches
ANT LLC (6 notices)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded to set public hearings for Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building for notices of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for Open Bible Standard Churches and ANT LLC (6 notices). Workman, Hudkins, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **ADJOURNMENT:**

By direction of the Chair, the Board of Equalization meeting was adjourned.

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- 2) **CLAIMS:** Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, February 8, 2000.

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded approval. Heier, Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

An exceptional circumstance award, in the amount of \$300, for Crystal Sato, an employee with Lancaster Manor. (M-00-11)

The Clerk announced that at the request of the County Attorney's Office the exceptional circumstance award was deferred for one week to Tuesday, February 15, 2000.

Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, requested that New Business Item 5H be acted upon prior to the extension of terms in relation to the Attention Center Advisory Board (Old Business Item 4).

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

H. A resolution amending the by-laws for the Jennie B. Harrel Attention Center for Youth Advisory Committee. (R-00-12)

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval of Resolution 00-12. In response to a concern raised by Steinman regarding the name of the facility, Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, stated that once the transition is completed to the new facility, the change in name could be made.

He explained that the change in the by-laws was promulgated by a desire to maintain qualified individuals on the committee and noted that there was also a reduction in the number of members.

ROLL CALL: Hudkins, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Steinman voted aye.
Motion carried.

4) **OLD BUSINESS:**

A request from Dennis Banks, Director of the Attention Center for Youth, to extend the terms of Sherrie Manning and Bill Bryant on the Attention Center Advisory Committee for an additional two year period.

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval. Workman, Hudkins, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **RETURNING TO NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Applications for Special Events Permits from the Nebraska Sports Council/Cornhusker State Games to hold the following:

- < **Cycling time trials and a road race on Saturday, July 15, 2000, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. at Branched Oak State Recreation Area**
- < **A triathlon competition on Sunday, July 15, 2000, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Branched Oak State Recreation Area**

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval.

Campbell noted for the record that a memo was received from Larry Worrell, County Surveyor, outlining certain conditions to be followed by the applicant.

ROLL CALL: Hudkins, Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

B. A contract with Lincoln-Lancaster Mediation Center to provide neutral facilitation of meetings related to the Families First and Foremost Program and also to provide training and education with regard to collaboration and conflict resolution. Contract term is September 1, 1999 through August 31, 2000 with the County paying up to \$50,000 for the services. (C-00-61)

At the request of the County Board, this item was deferred for two weeks to Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

C. A contract between the Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center and Mary L. Paine, M.A. to provide mental health services, at a rate of \$55 per hour, beginning January 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2000. (C-00-60)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. Heier, Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

D. A grant contract with Cedars Youth Services to provide Tracker services for juveniles placed by the probation department or the courts, beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. The County will pay \$30,000. (C-00-71)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Steinman seconded approval. Campbell, Steinman, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

E. An agreement with Marsh, Inc. to provide consulting services in obtaining proposals for County and City employee medical coverage, at a total cost to the County of \$8,333. (C-00-72)

MOTION: Workman moved and Heier seconded approval.

Workman commented that the County Board is pleased with United Healthcare and with the execution of their coverage, however, they feel it would be prudent to go out for bids.

He noted that they will also obtain prices for other plan design options which will include alternative deductibles, co-insurance and co-payments.

Campbell noted that it is a joint agreement with the City of Lincoln.

ROLL CALL: Heier, Workman, Steinman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

F. A resolution in relation to a request to vacate a portion of a County road located on Hackberry Lane in Hillcrest Heights between Anthony Lane and East Hillcrest Drive. (R-00-13)

Mike DeKalb, Planning Department, stated the request to vacate was within the three-mile jurisdiction and required action by the City Council prior to action by the County Board. He informed the Board that the City Council denied the request on January 31, 2000.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, stated pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 39-1725 the Board should vote to deny the vacation and withdraw the petition.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution 00-13 denying a request to vacate a portion of a County road located on Hackberry Lane in Hillcrest Heights between Anthony Lane and East Hillcrest Drive. Steinman, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

G. A resolution in the matter of amending Federal Aid Bridge Replacement Project BR-3370(2) Raymond East to widen the bridge in lieu of replacing it. (R-00-11)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution 00-11. Workman, Campbell, Hudkins, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

H. A resolution amending the by-laws for the Jennie B. Harrel Attention Center for Youth Advisory Committee. (R-00-12)

This item was previously heard.

I. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent to reject bids received for seasonal requirements for weed control services for the County and the City of Lincoln. The bids did not yield adequate coverage of the core components of the Weed Control Authority's program and the project will be rebid at a later date. (B-00-05)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded to accept the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent.

In response to a question asked by Steinman, Kathy Smith, Assistant Purchasing Agent, stated 18 invitations to bid were sent out and they received three responses back. She explained that Russ Shultz, Weed Control Superintendent, normally contacts previous vendors regarding their interest in bidding, however, this year he was unable to do so.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

ROLL CALL: Campbell, Heier, Steinman, Workman and Hudkins voted aye.
Motion carried.

J. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent to award a request for proposal (RFP) to the following for the annual requirements for quick copy and offset printing services for the County and the City, for an estimated annual amount of \$500,000 (total amount is the combined needs of County and City):

- < **A to Z Printing for quick copy and offset printing**
- < **Kinko's of Nebraska for quick copy**
- < **Goldenrod Printing for offset printing**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval. Hudkins, Campbell, Steinman, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

K. A political subdivision tort claim filed against the Corrections Department by Mark Clark for lost property, in the amount of \$170.

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded to accept the Director's recommendation and deny the tort claim filed by Mark Clark. Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

L. A political subdivision tort claim filed against Lancaster County by Mike Kratochvil for damaged property, in the amount of \$206.75. Claim damage occurred while traveling on a County road.

Campbell stated the recommendation from Sue Eckley, Workers' Compensation and Risk Management Manager, was to deny the claim because there is no proof that the piece of blade belonged to the County. She added that no County equipment is missing a blade.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded to accept the recommendation of Sue Eckley, Workers' Compensation and Risk Management Manager, and deny the tort claim filed by Mike Kratochvil. Heier, Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 6) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

A. Receive and Place on File:

1. **County Clerk's Monthly Report for January, 2000**
2. **Noxious Weed Control Authority's Monthly Report for January, 2000**

B. Contracts with the County Engineer and the following relating to road improvements:

- < **Richard and Robert Barry on Northwest 70th Street near Davey Road, at no cost to the County; Project C.P. D-32 (C-00-62)**
- < **James M. and Karen R. Gilmore on Northwest 70th Street near Davey Road; Project C.P. D-32. This is a land donation. (C-00-68)**
- < **Anthony William Tvrdy on 70th Street south of Branched Oak Road, in the amount of \$376.25; Project C.P. B-266 (C-00-63)**
- < **Alvin Klug Life Estate and Robin Boring Remainderman on Northwest 84th Street south of U.S. Highway 34, in the amount of \$27; Project C.P. E-105 (C-00-64)**
- < **Joseph P. and Emma M. Booth on Pioneers Boulevard near South 132nd Street; Project C.P. Q-73. This is a land donation. (C-00-65)**
- < **Michael D. and Melody C. Keele on Holdrege Street near North 176th Street; Project C.P. J-69. This is a land donation. (C-00-66)**
- < **Lower Platte South Natural Resources District on Southwest 29th Street near Martell Road; C.P. T-10. This is a land donation. (C-00-67)**
- < **Hazel E. Hutchinson, Trustee on North 112th Street near Waverly Road, in the amount of \$231.75; Project O-23 (C-00-69 and C-00-70)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Consent Items. Steinman, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

7) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting. Workman, Hudkins, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk